with alarm the coming year's possi-polities, the New York State Conference of Mayors is preparing to go before the next session of the Legislature and emand that it pass some sort of leg-slation that will have influence over the thriving mobs who are devoting themselves to the theft of motor cars.

This particular review of the situa-Just how many automobiles have been 1 can only be surmised. The figures are not yet available. Last year, however, the State suffered more than will reach 10,000 this year.

And thus far this year, nearly 4,200

otors have been stolen in New York

Radical Action is Needed.

A few days ago William P. Capes, secretary of the New York State Conference of Mayors, told Tex New York Herald that the Legislature must do something radical or else the insurance people are going to adopt a new schedule of rates and these rates are going to approach the prohibitive stage. Half a dozen insurance men, asked to confirm this, declared it to be quite true. They said that it was being forced upon them. They have not summed up their losses for 1921 yet, but they all said it was a matter of "loo many millions."

Despite this, the State Automobile Bureau estimates that it will register more than 1,000,000 motor cars in 1922. There were more than 800,000 licensed this year. Business is getting better. These figures are, of course, for the entire State. The city comes in a moment. Among the folk who will agree (if they care to be frank) that this year was a more prosperous one than last, are those, who devote themselves to the stealing of automobiles in New York city.

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Every so often the New York police of Newark. Jersey City, conkers, White Plains, Mount Vernon and other cities lying in what we call the metropolitan area that such and such area were stolen in New York city on such and such a date, Please to be in the look-out for such stolen property. The police in their explanation than occasionally there will be addenda

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are not yet available. Last year, the vest are growing bolder month by however, the State suffered more than 7,000 such crimes. And now it is all too clear that the number probably will reach 10,000 this year.

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	1921.	1920.
January	288	189
Pebruary	244	84
March	348	184
April	374	251
May	388	320
June	394	360
July	406	435
August	524	254
September	481	344
October	491	364
November	*210	425
December		320
Fige 10 days in Nov	ember.	-

Reducing these figures to car classifications it is observed that the Ford is the most popular of the motor thief's objectives. Sixteen hundred and ninety-tour of them were stolen in New York city during the first ten months of this year. That means that almost every other car stolen was a Ford. The reasons are clear.

Small Cars Easier to Steal.

There are more Fords in service than ny other make of automobile. It is nuch easier to get away with a Ford, t is much easier to dispose of a Ford.

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In a moment or so figures will be set forth explaining the situation. Much depends upon how you scan them. They might very well be used to everlastingly daim the Police Department, or you might construct therefrom an equally suppressive defence of Commissioner Enright and his 12,000 men.

But no matter what you angle of observation may be, you will eventually become entangled in the inevitable maze of circumstances that will prompt you to hurl the said statistics into the waste paper basket and agree that a policeman's life is not a happy one.

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the automobile world.

There may be some other reason or reasons for the leap in the number of Packards, Stutzes, Pierce Arrows, Cadillacs, Nationals and so on stolen in 1920 and 1921, but the insurance men have not found it. At least they say they haven't. It is utterly true, according to that the percentage is that the percentage is to the police, that the rum runner and the motor riding bandit prefers the Packard, the Pierce Arrow, the Stutzen of Newark, Jersey City, the Plains, Mount Vernon es lying in what we call.

Other cars can measure up to the

the man who stole the car and left it where he might find it—a place designated in advance, of course.

There was no clear proof that such a state of affairs existed. But the insurance people decided to pay no more rewards until after the thief was behind bars. One hundred and five insurance companies subscribed to this surance companies subscribed to this new arrangement. The result was that the number of convictions did not increase and that the thefts of automobiles kept on accessing as usual.

So a few weeks ago the same insurance of

cided to resume the old schedule of paying rewards upon the recovery of the car. They set forth their change of heart in a letter to the Automobile Underwriters' Detective Bureau, 140 Nassau street, an organization representing about three-quarters of the auto-mobile insuring companies. It read: "In regard to the agreement made with ex.Gov. Whitman that members of the detective bureau would pay no re



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of thefts of automobiles increases. For instance, as was said at the beginning, this has been a better business year than last. Therefore more automobiles have been purchased; there are more to be stolen; there are a greater number of persons willing to buy; the market has expanded even for the thief. Early in 1920 and late in 1919 the business of stealing automobiles fell off simply because the thief was never sure of getting rid of his booty. One who had the cash and the nerve to buy had innumerable opportunities to make good bargains with legitimate owners.

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sale were so full that there was no room for more. Therefore the thich had to take the chance of selling on the fly. And then, too, the prospective purchaser of the used car could pick and choose. He did not have to take a chance of buying a motor that had been stolen and having that same car reclaimed by its rightful owner after he had paid the thief the latter's price.

"We shall ask the Legislature to enact laws which will assist the police departments of the various cities in apprehending automobile thieves and reducing the activities of that class of criminals generally," says Mr. Capes.

set upon the car by the policy. They range from \$25 to \$100 except in extraordinary cases. The minimum is paid for the recovery of cars valued at \$1.000; \$50 on \$2.000; \$75 on \$3.000, and \$100 on \$4.000. All rewards paid are turned over to the Police Commissioner, who, according to the rules, is supposed to deduct half of it for the Police Pension Fund and hand the rest to the cop who found the car.

While the insurance people deplore the increase in the thefts and insist that "something will have to be done about is too high. They cannot afford to a fertilizer plant there and make it go.

"He can not only make his rental,"
said Mr. Edison, "but a good profit for
the people besides. Fertilizer is in
great demand in the South, and the
people need a cheap fertilizer. They
can get fertilizer now, but the price
is too high. They cannot afford to
buy it. I cannot estimate the present
waste from lack of fertilizer, but the
crop would be doubled if the people
had it, and employment would be given
to about a million persons."

Mr. Edison would not comment much
on the armament conference at Washington, but said that the 5-5-3 naval
plan seems to be a good one, though

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be just as well to be prepared with our experiments. Then if some one starts an argument we would be ready. We would not have to stop to experiment."

It was Mr. Edison's son, Theodore, a student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who has invented the wheel to cut through wire entanglements, of which Mr. Edison explained, is three feet in diameter, one foot thick, run by a Ford automobile motor and gains a velocity of seven miles a minute.

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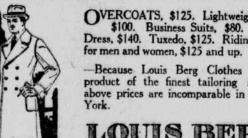
Explains Son's Invention of Wheel to Cut Barbed Wire Entanglements.

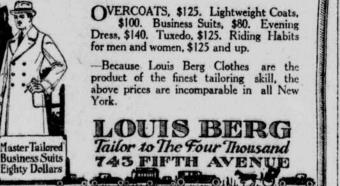
Thomas A. Edison, who returned last week from a trip to Muscle Shoals with Henry Ford, said at his home in the control of the wheel cut right through them."

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Gulf Refining Co. Looking for Frederick McDonough.

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